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# WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

APS Rec'd PCT/PTO 0.5 DEC 2005 International application No. PCT/GB2004/001683

Ξ	Во	x No	p. I Basis of the opinion		
1.	<ol> <li>With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application i the language in which it was field, unless otherwise indicated under this item.</li> </ol>				
		lar	is opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following guage which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search uter Fulues 12.3 and 23.1(b).		
2.	Wit	h re ess	gard to any <b>nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence</b> disclosed in the international application and ary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:		
	a. t	уре	of material:		
			a sequence listing		
	1		table(s) related to the sequence listing		
	b. f	orm	at of material:		
	1		in written format		
	1		in computer readable form		
	c. ti	ime	of filing/furnishing:		
	1		contained in the international application as filed.		
	ı		filed together with the international application in computer readable form.		
	1		furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.		
3.	0	ha:	addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto s been filled or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional pies is identical to that in the application as filled or does not go beyond the application as filled, as propriate, were furnished.		
4.	Add	ditio	nal comments:		

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#### Box No. II Priority

- The following document has not been furnished:
  - ☐ copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).
  - ☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43*bis.*1 and 66.7(b)).

    Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.
- 2. This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43b/s.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.
- 3. Additional observations, if necessary:

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	Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability						
Th	The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:						
	the entire international application,						
⊠	claims Nos. 13						
be	because:						
	I the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (specify):						
	the description, claims or drawings (indicate particular elements below) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (specify):						
	It he claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.						
Ø	no international search report has been established for the whole application or for said claims Nos. 13						
	the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions in that:						
	the written form		has not been furnished				
			does not comply with the standard				
	the computer readable form		has not been furnished				
			does not comply with the standard				
	the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.						
	See separate sheet for further details						

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1. M In response to the invitation (Form PCT/ISA/206) to pay additional fees, the ap							tional fees, the applicant has:		
			paid additional fee	3.					
		⊠	paid additional fee	s under pr	otest.				
			not paid additional	fees.					
2.		This A	uthority found that the plicant to pay addition	ne require inal fees.	ment of un	ity of invention	n is not complied with and chose not to invite		
3.	This Authority considers that the requirement of unity of invention in accordance with Rule 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 is								
	⊠	complie	d with						
	□ not complied with for the following reasons:								
4.	Co	nsequer	ntly, this report has t	een estat	olished in r	espect of the	following parts of the international application:		
	⊠ all parts.								
	the parts relating to claims Nos.								
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	Ind	ustrial a	pplicability (IA)	Yes: No:	Claims Claims	1-12			
2.	Cita	ations a	nd explanations						

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#### Box No. VI Certain documents cited

- Certain published documents (Rules 43bis.1 and 70.10) and/or
- Non-written disclosures (Rules 43bis.1 and 70.9) see form 210

#### Re Item V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

The prior published documents, cited in the international search report, either taken individually or in combination do not disclose, suggest or reasonably lead the person skilled in the art to consider the use of a joint between the handle and the head in the known spatulas.

The person skilled in the art would not be able to combine all the features of anyone of the present independent claims (1, 8, 9 and 10) and as such arrive at the claimed devices or methods without an inventive activity.

Dependent claims 2 to 8 are dependent on claim 1, dependent claim 12 is dependent on claim 11 and thus all the claims satisfy the requirements of Article 33(2)(3) PCT.

### Re Item VI Certain documents cited

#### Certain published documents

Application No	Publication date	Filing date	Priority date (valid claim)
Patent No	(day/month/year)	(day/month/year)	(day/month/year)
GB-A-2 384 704	6 August 2003	31 January 2003	